Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, 1987 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities which has supported thousands of cultural programs created and sponsored by local citizen groups throughout South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, During the past fifteen years, the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities has formed public/private partnerships on federal, state, and local levels generating nearly $7 million for a broad range of programs for South Dakotans; and,

WHEREAS, The humanities—the branches of learning concerned with human thought and relations...values, history, culture, ideas—provide the foundation for an educated and literate citizenry and a link with the great traditions of civilization; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Committee on the Humanities has received national recognition for its Reading Series, Chautauqua, and rural programs; and,

WHEREAS, To promote intellectual growth and cultural enrichment, the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities was among the leaders in planning for the observance of the Centennial of South Dakota's statehood; and,

WHEREAS, Study of the humanities helps people understand the past, analyze the present, and plan for the future; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota Committee on the Humanities programs in libraries, museums, schools, colleges and universities, and many other organizations have enlivened South Dakotans' understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of our state, nation, and other peoples of the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 23, 1987, as

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in South Dakota, and further urge the citizens of South Dakota to continue to participate in the study of history, literature, philosophy, languages, and other humanities disciplines as supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities, and other public and private agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven,

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE